

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated August 11, 2008, in which claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, and 20 were allowed.

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 conforms the Abstract to the allowed claims in this application. In this regard, the Examiner is directed to M.P.E.P. § 714.16(d), entitled "Amendment After Notice of Allowance, 37 CFR 1.312," which states:

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04) and has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval. (emphasis added).

Thus, as clearly stated in M.P.E.P. § 714.16(d), the Examiner has the authority to enter an Amendment is directed to correction of formal matters in the specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to enter the proposed Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by the present Amendment, and no amendments to the claims are presented.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 09-0461, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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